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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 14 May 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: It was shown how the length of the retractor sleeve shortens.

Claim(s) discussed: 69-95.

Identification of prior art discussed: Shimomura et al. and Bimbo et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It was agreed that the current rejection as written would be overcome by including within the claims that the diameter of the sleeve approaches the diameter of the rings when the sleeve is shortened.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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